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E.O. 11652: GDS TAGS: PINS, JA, KU

SUBJECT: JAPANESE WARNING OF INCREASED TERRORISM RISK

1. JAPANESE EMBASSY COUNSELOR KAWASE HAS CALLED ON CHARGE, APPARENTLY UNDER INSTRUCTIONS. TO SAY THAT JAPANESE GOVERNMENT SEES AN INCREASED RISK OF TERRORIST INCIDENTS IN MIDDLE EAST IN COMING MONTHS. COUNSELOR SAID THERE WERE NO SPECIFIC INDICATORS WHERE OR WHEN SUCH INCIDENTS MIGHT OCCUR. HOWEVER HE SAID THE "OPPOSITION" (WHOM HE DESCRIBED AS PEOPLE VIOLENTLY OPPOSED TO NARITA AIRPORT PROJECT) MAY BE INVOLVED. HE SAID THAT WHILE THE "OPPOSITION" IS NOT KNOWN TO HAVE LINKS WITH THE JAPANESE RED ARMY, THE LATTER HAS PUBLICLY STATED ITS SUPPORT FOR THE "OPPOSITION." THE HEAD OF THE "OPPOSITION" IS KNOWN TO HAVE VISITED BEIRUT RECENTLY, BUT COUNSELOR HAD NO INFORMATION ON ANY CONTACTS HE MAY HAVE HAD THERE. HOWEVER, KAWASE RECALLED THE RED ARMY CONNECTION WITH THE WADI HADDAD FACTION OF THE PFLP AND HE MENTIONED REPORTS THAT GEORGE HABBASH HAS MET WITH SURVIVORS OF THAT FACTION IN BAGHDAD. HE SAID HE UNDERSTOOD THAT ONE "ABU FAHD" HAS SUCCEEDED WADI HADDAD, BUT HE WAS A BIT UNCERTAIN THAT HE HAD THE NAME RIGHT. HE SAID CONFIDENTIAL.

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HIS GOVERNMENT IS PARTICULARLY CONCERNED ABOUT A COMING PERIOD OF TIME DURING WHICH THE CROWN PRINCE OF JAPAN WILL BE VISITING BRAZIL.

2. KAWASE EMPHASIZED AT END OF DISCUSSION
THAT THERE IS LITTLE SUBSTANCE IN THE REPORTS WHICH LEAD
GOJ TO SEE AN INCREASED TERROR RISK COMING UP; BUT WHAT LITTLE

THERE IS JUSTIFIES	STAYING IN	TOUCH
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